

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested. Claims 75 through 88 are pending. Of the fourteen total pending claims, two claims, claims 75 and 82, are independent. In this Amendment, claims 1 through 74 are canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 75 through 88 are added.

Support for newly added claims 75 through 88 is found in originally filed claims 1, 3 through 9, and 11 through 16, as well as elsewhere through the specification and drawings.

In addition, Applicants note that in reply to the petition of June 10, 2005, the Petitions Branch combined the present application with two other applications filed by the same inventors and on the same day (assigned Serial Nos. 10/526,189 and 10/526,171). The other two applications are no longer pending and it is not necessary to combine the specifications of all three applications since the specifications are the same. Therefore, Applicants request that the specification filed with the present application to be used.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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